

§ 127A-131. Unlawful conversion or willful destruction of military property.

(a) If any person shall willfully or wantonly destroy or injure, willfully retain after demand made or otherwise convert to the person's own use any property of the State or of the United States issued for the purpose of arming or equipping the militia of the State or if any person shall purchase any property of the State or of the United States knowing it to be unlawfully obtained, the person shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(b) Any person, firm or corporation receiving in pledge or buying from any other person, firm or corporation for the purpose of resale any goods, to include arms, ammunition, explosives, equipment, clothing, supplies and materials, which may reasonably be thought to be the property of the Armed Forces of the United States and their reserve components or of the militia of the State of North Carolina, shall keep a register and shall enter therein a true and accurate record of each purchase, showing the name, social security number and address of the person from whom purchased, the name and address of the firm or corporation from whom purchased, together with the amount paid for each item or lot of small items, the date of purchase, the serial numbers of all items bearing serial numbers, and any other marks, brands or descriptions which will serve to identify the items purchased. The register shall be at all times open to the inspection of the public. Any person, firm or corporation failing to comply with this provision shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor; and any person, firm or corporation making a false entry in such register shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. (1876-7, c. 272, s. 19; Code, s. 3274; Rev., ss. 3536, 3537; C.S., ss. 6881, 6882; 1959, c. 218, s. 25; 1963, c. 1019, s. 6; 1975, c. 604, s. 2; 1993, c. 539, s. 936; 1994, Ex. Sess., c. 24, s. 14(c); 2011-195, s. 1(a).)